

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. According to the Office Action, claims 1-10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome these rejections. Applicant has cancelled claim 2 and amended claims 1 and 3-10 to advance this application to allowance as follows. Claims 1 and 3-10 are currently pending.

Claims 1, 6 and 7 were rejected on the ground that the language "or the like" renders the claims indefinite. Applicant has amended these claims to remove this language.

Claim 5 was rejected on the ground that the limitation "jamming means" lacked antecedent basis. Claim 5 depends upon claim 1. Claim 1 has now been amended to explicitly identify and to clarify that the "jamming means" is an element of the claim.

Claims 2 and 10 were rejected on the basis that they are narrative to the use of the device and do not positively recite any provision of a further defining structure. As stated previously, claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2 which is that the device is a single use device. Claim 10 has been amended to further specify that the jamming means which locks the piston to the piston rod is irreversible.

Claims 1 and 3-10 have also been amended to remove all reference numerals.

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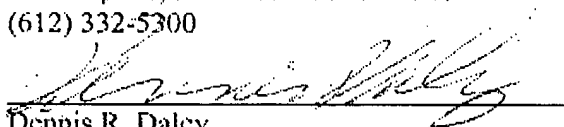
Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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